

# SOMERSET LEGAL JOURNAL

## FIRST PUBLICATION

### ESTATE NOTICE

Estate of **GLENN ROLAND BRANT**, a/k/a **GLENN R. BRANT**, deceased Late of Milford Township, Somerset County, Pennsylvania Letters of Administration on the above estate having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to the said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims or demands against the estate to make the same known, without delay to **SULTANA SCARFONE**, c/o Carroll Law Offices, 160 West Main Street, P.O. Box 604, Somerset, PA 15501.

No. 99 Estate 2024

**WILLIAM R. CARROLL**, Esq.  
Carroll Law Offices 424

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### ADMINISTRATORS NOTICE

Estate of **LINDA K. BRUNER**, a/k/a **LINDA KAY BRUNER**, deceased, late of Somerset Township, Somerset County, Pennsylvania. Letters of Administration in the above estate having been granted to Martha Onstead, Administratrix, all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims or demands against the estate are to make the same known, without delay to: **MARTHA ONSTEAD**, Administratrix, 183 Phillippi Road, Somerset, PA. 15501

No. 00095 Estate 2024

**JAMES R. CASCIO**, Esquire  
Fike, Cascio & Boose 424

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### EXECUTOR'S NOTICE

Estate of **ROBERT J. DEDIK, SR.**, Late of Boswell Borough, Somerset County, Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary on the above estate having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to

the said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims or demands against the estate to make the same known, without delay to: **SANDRA L. CERVENAK**, 1423 Bethel Church Road, Latrobe, Pennsylvania 15650

No. 085 Estate 2024

Yelovich Flower & McCoy  
**DAVID J. FLOWER**, Attorney  
102 North Kimberly Avenue  
Somerset, Pennsylvania 15501 424

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### EXECUTOR'S NOTICE

Estate of **MARGARET HAWRYLAK**, a/k/a **MARGARET M. HAWRYLAK**, Late of Shade Township, Somerset County, Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary on the above estate having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to the said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims or demands against the estate to make the same known, without delay to: **MARIAN C. HIGGINS**, 220 Holly Green Lane, Holly Springs, NC 27540

No. 557 Estate 2023

Yelovich Flower & McCoy  
**DAVID J. FLOWER**, Attorney  
102 North Kimberly Avenue  
Somerset, Pennsylvania 15501 424

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### EXECUTOR'S NOTICE

Estate of **RUTH ELLEN TAYLOR**, a/k/a **RUTH E. TAYLOR**, Late of Central City Borough, Somerset County, Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary on the above estate having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to the said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims or demands against the estate to make the same known, without delay to: **SCOTT STRENSKI**, 3442 Menoher

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Blvd, Johnstown, Pennsylvania 15905  
No. 542 Estate 2023  
Yelovich Flower & McCoy  
DAVID J. FLOWER, Attorney  
102 North Kimberly Avenue  
Somerset, Pennsylvania 15501 424

## ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Estate of **DAVID PAUL THOMAS**,  
Late of Brothersvalley Township,  
Somerset County, Pennsylvania.  
Letters Administration on the above  
estate having been granted to the  
undersigned, all persons indebted to  
the said estate are requested to make  
payment, and those having claims or  
demands against the estate to make  
the same known, without delay to:  
ANGELA L. MAUST, 7225 Glades  
Pike, Somerset, Pennsylvania 15501  
No. 030 Estate 2024

Yelovich Flower & McCoy  
DAVID J. FLOWER, Attorney  
102 North Kimberly Avenue  
Somerset, Pennsylvania 15501 424

## ADMINISTRATORS NOTICE

Estate of **ELBY B. WALKER**, a/k/a  
**ELBY WALKER**, deceased, late of  
Somerset Township, Somerset  
County, Pennsylvania. Letters of  
Administration in the above estate  
having been granted to Ameriserv  
Trust & Financial Services Company,  
all persons indebted to said estate are  
requested to make payment, and those  
having claims or demands against the  
estate are to make the same known,  
without delay to: AMERISERV  
TRUST AND FINANCIAL  
SERVICES COMPANY,  
Administrator, Attn: David A. Finui,  
216 Franklin Street, PO Box 520,  
Johnstown, PA. 15907-0520  
No. 00092 Estate 2024

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## SECOND PUBLICATION

### EXECUTORS' NOTICE

Estate of **BARRY RAY  
HEMMINGER**, Late of Somerset  
Township, SOMERSET COUNTY,  
PA. Letters Testamentary on the  
above estate having been granted to  
the undersigned, all persons indebted  
to the said estate are requested to  
make payment, and those having  
claims or demands against the estate  
to make the same known, without  
delay to BRETT HEMMINGER, 579  
Poverty Hollow Road, Somerset, PA  
15501, ADAM HEMMINGER, 1618  
Outer Drive, Somerset, PA 15501  
No. 56-24-00065

MEGAN E. WILL, Esq. 423

### EXECUTRIXS' NOTICE

Estate of **JOAN K MURRAY**, Late  
of Boswell Borough, SOMERSET  
COUNTY, PA. Letters Testamentary  
on the above estate having been  
granted to the undersigned, all  
persons indebted to the said estate are  
requested to make payment, and those  
having claims or demands against the  
estate to make the same known,  
without delay to KAREN DEMKO,  
6416 Lehigh Ave, Harrisburg, PA  
17111, LORI MOSTOLLER, 320  
Sager Pond Road, Friedens, PA  
15541

No. 56-24-00038

MEGAN E. WILL, Esq. 423

### EXECUTOR'S - ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Estate of **NANCY A. STANDLEY**  
a/k/a **NANCY A. OWEN**, Deceased,  
Late of Conemaugh Township,  
Somerset County, PA. Letters  
Testamentary on the above estate  
having been granted to the

undersigned, all persons indebted to the said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims or demands against the estate to make the same known to  
BRUCE A. STANDLEY, Executor,  
110 Tunnel Street  
Summerhill, PA 15958 423

**THIRD PUBLICATION**

Estate of **ELIZABETH JOYCE CRAYNE** a/k/a **ELIZABETH R. CRAYNE, BETTY CRAYNE**, Deceased. Late of Summit Twp., Somerset County, PA. Letters of Administration on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to **ELISE JOY BAER**, Administratrix, 41 Tradesville Dr., Doylestown, PA 18901. 422  
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**ESTATE NOTICE**

Estate of **GERLENE ANNA RUSSIAN**, deceased late of Shade Township, Somerset County, Pennsylvania. Letters of Administration on the above Estate having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to the said Estate are requested to make a payment, and those having claims or demands against the Estate to make the same known, without delay to: **NICHOLAS RUSSIAN, JR.**, Administrator, 1361 Wilbur Rd., Stoystown PA 15563  
**JOSEPH D. SILVAGGIO**, Esq.  
Willman & Silvaggio, LLP  
5500 Corporate Dr., Suite 150,  
Pittsburgh PA 15237 422

**ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE**

Estate of **DORIS I. SHAFFER**, Late of Ouemahoning Township, SOMERSET COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA. Letters of Administration the above estate having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to the said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims or demands against the estate to make the same known, without delay to **FLOYD W. SHAFFER**, 2228 Woodstown Highway, Hollsopple, PA 15935  
No. 56-24-00048  
**MATTHEW G. MELVIN**, Esq.  
Barbera, Melvin & Svonavec, LLP, Attorney  
146 West Main Street,  
Somerset, Pennsylvania 15501 422

**NOTICE OF TRUST  
ADMINISTRATION PURSUANT  
TO 20 Pa. C.S SECTION 7756(c)**

NOTICE is hereby given of the administration of the **BENEDICT J. STRAKA, SR. REVOCABLE TRUST**, dated December 15, 2015. Benedict J. Straka, Sr. departed this lifetime on 07/21/2020, Settlor of the Trust, of the County of Somerset, and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. All persons having claims against the **BENEDICT J. STRAKA, SR. REVOCABLE TRUST**, dated December 15, 2015, are requested to make known of the same to the Executrix of the Estate of Benedict J. Straka, Sr., as the Successor Trustee, Benedict J. Straka, Sr. is deceased, named below.  
**BARBARA GARDNER**, 211-400 Forest Lake Drive, Stephens City, VA 22655  
**MICHELLE A. TOKARSKY**, Esquire  
Silverman, Tokarsky & Forman, LLC  
227 Franklin Street, Suite 410  
Johnstown, PA 15901 422

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COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF  
SOMERSET COUNTY,  
PENNSYLVANIA  
ORPHANS' COURT DIVISION

**To: JOSHUA PLATTER**

Re: Adoption of A.P., D.O.B. April  
26, 2017, No. 50 ADOPTION 2023

On February 28, 2024, the Court of  
Common Pleas of Somerset County  
terminated your parental rights to  
female Platter, and awarded custody  
of your child to Somerset County  
Children and Youth Services.

You are also notified that you shall  
have the right to place and update  
personal and medical history  
information, whether or not the  
medical condition is in existence or  
discoverable at the time of adoption,  
or file with the Court and with the  
Department of Public Welfare  
pursuant to Section 2905(d) of the  
Adoption Act, for the purpose of  
making that information available to  
the person to be adopted and to the  
adoptive parents under section  
2905(d).

**TO RESPONDENT:**

**YOU HAVE THIRTY (30) DAYS  
FROM THE DATE OF THIS  
ORDER TO APPEAL THE  
COURT'S DECISION TO THE  
PENNSYLVANIA SUPERIOR  
COURT. IF YOU CANNOT  
AFFORD AN ATTORNEY, YOU  
CAN APPLY FOR ASSISTANCE  
OF COUNSEL AT THE LEGAL  
AID OFFICE IN SOMERSET,  
PENNSYLVANIA AT THE  
FOLLOWING ADDRESS:**

**Southwestern Pennsylvania Legal  
Services  
140 East Fairview Street  
Somerset, Pennsylvania 15501  
(814) 445-4516**

**UPON THE EXPIRATION OF  
THE APPEAL PERIOD SET  
FORTH ABOVE, THE WITHIN  
ORDER OF TERMINATION OF  
PARENTAL RIGHTS SHALL  
BECOME A FINAL ORDER AND  
ADOPTION PROCEEDINGS  
MAY THEREAFTER  
COMMENCE WITHOUT  
FURTHER NOTICE TO  
RESPONDENT.**

VALERIE M. SCHWAB, Solicitor  
Somerset County Children and Youth  
Services  
300 North Center Avenue, Suite 220  
Somerset, Pennsylvania 15501  
Telephone: (814) 445-1663 422

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF  
SOMERSET COUNTY,  
PENNSYLVANIA  
ORPHANS' COURT DIVISION

**To: JOSHUA PLATTER**

Re: Adoption of D.P., D.O.B. July 3,  
2018, No. 51 ADOPTION 2023

On February 28, 2024, the Court of  
Common Pleas of Somerset County  
terminated your parental rights to  
male Platter, and awarded custody of  
your child to Somerset County  
Children and Youth Services.

You are also notified that you shall  
have the right to place and update  
personal and medical history  
information, whether or not the  
medical condition is in existence or  
discoverable at the time of adoption,  
or file with the Court and with the

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Department of Public Welfare pursuant to Section 2905(d) of the Adoption Act, for the purpose of making that information available to the person to be adopted and to the adoptive parents under section 2905(d).

### TO RESPONDENT:

**YOU HAVE THIRTY (30) DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THIS ORDER TO APPEAL THE COURT'S DECISION TO THE PENNSYLVANIA SUPERIOR COURT. IF YOU CANNOT AFFORD AN ATTORNEY, YOU CAN APPLY FOR ASSISTANCE OF COUNSEL AT THE LEGAL AID OFFICE IN SOMERSET, PENNSYLVANIA AT THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:**

**Southwestern Pennsylvania Legal Services  
140 East Fairview Street  
Somerset, Pennsylvania 15501  
(814) 445-4516**

**UPON THE EXPIRATION OF THE APPEAL PERIOD SET FORTH ABOVE, THE WITHIN ORDER OF TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS SHALL BECOME A FINAL ORDER AND ADOPTION PROCEEDINGS MAY THEREAFTER COMMENCE WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE TO RESPONDENT.**

VALERIE M. SCHWAB, Solicitor  
Somerset County Children and Youth Services  
300 North Center Avenue, Suite 220  
Somerset, Pennsylvania 15501  
Telephone: (814) 445-1663 422

SOMERSET COUNTY TAX CLAIM  
BUREAU  
300 NORTH CENTER AVE., SUITE 370  
SOMERSET, PA 15501  
814-445-1550

### NOTICE OF OFFER TO PURCHASE PROPERTY AT PRIVATE SALE

TO: **PONFEIGH LAND & MINING CO.**, the taxing authorities of Brothersvalley Township, or any interested person.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Tax Claim Bureau has received from **Eric C. Kent**, an offer to purchase the properties below described and designated for the amount listed, which price has been approved by the Bureau, in accordance with the provisions of Article VI, Sections 613, 614, 615 of this Real Estate Tax Sale Law, its supplements and amendments (72 P.S.5860.613, 614, 615). This Sale is without Warranty of any kind and the Title to the premise is or will be conveyed "AS IS".

The properties are identified and described as follows:

OWNER: (A,B,C,D) Ponfeigh Land & Mining Co.

ADDRESS: (A,B,C,D) PO Box 38176, Pittsburgh, PA 15238

GRANTOR: (A,B,C,D) Elwood Burgess

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: (A,B,C,D) Brothersvalley Township, (A) 08-0-010550, (B) 08-0-010500, (C) 08-0-010480, (D) 08-0-010510

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: (A) 156 A MIN 156 A EXH, (B) 68 A MIN 68 A EXH, (C) 48 A MIN 48 A EXH, (D) 72 A MIN 72 A EXH

BID AMOUNT: (A) \$735.55, (B)

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\$468.79, (C) \$410.40, (D) \$481.07

If the owner, an interested party, or a person interested in purchasing the property is not satisfied that the sale price approved by the Bureau as above set forth is sufficient, you may within forty-five (45) days from the date of the notice, but no later than May 6, 2024, petition the Court of Somerset County, Pennsylvania, to disapprove the Sale as provided in said Real Estate Tax Sale Law. Unless such a petition is filed within a forty-five day period, the Sale may be consummated in the Somerset County Tax Claim Bureau at 300 North Center Ave, Suite 370, Somerset, PA 15501, at said price and a deed delivered to the purchaser, free and clear of all tax claims and tax judgments.

SOMERSET COUNTY TAX  
CLAIM BUREAU  
JANE RIZZO, Director 423



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D.B. -3059 PG 43  
IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF SOMERSET COUNTY,  
PENNSYLVANIA

IN RE: CONDEMNATION BY THE COMMONWEALTH OF  
PENNSYLVANIA, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, OF THE RIGHT-  
OF-WAY FOR STATE ROUTE 0601, SECTION 10B IN THE TOWNSHIP OF  
CONEMAUGH

NO. 20 MISC TERM, 2024

EMINENT DOMAIN PROCEEDING IN REM

## **NOTICE OF CONDEMNATION AND DEPOSIT OF ESTIMATED JUST COMPENSATION**

Notice is hereby given that the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, by the Secretary of Transportation, whose address is the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Transportation, Office of Chief Counsel, Real Property Division, Commonwealth Keystone Building, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120, pursuant to the provisions of Section 2003(e) of the Administrative Code of 1929, P.L. 177, 71 P.S. 513(e), as amended, has filed on February 26, 2024 a Declaration of Taking to the above term and number, condemning the property shown on the plans of the parcels listed on the Schedule of Property Condemned which have been recorded in the Recorder's Office of the above county at the places indicated on the said schedule. The name(s) of the owner(s) of the property interest(s) condemned is (are) also shown on the aforesaid Schedule. The Secretary of Transportation, on behalf of himself/herself and the Governor has approved the within condemnation by signing on November 29, 2023, a plan entitled Drawings Authorizing Acquisition of Right-of-Way for State Route 0601 Section 10B R/W in Somerset County, a copy of which plan was recorded in the Recorder's Office of the aforesaid county on December 15, 2023, in Deed Book 10, Page 40.

The purpose of the condemnation is to acquire right-of-way for transportation purposes.

Plans showing the property condemned from the parcels listed on the Schedule of Property Condemned have been recorded in the aforesaid Recorder's Office at the places indicated on the Schedule, where they are available for inspection. The Property Interest thereby condemned is designated on the Declaration of Taking heretofore filed. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is not required to post security, inasmuch as it has the power of taxation.

Because the identity or the whereabouts of the condemnee(s) listed below is (are) unknown or for other reasons he (they) cannot be served, this notice is hereby published in accordance with Section 305(b) of the Eminent Domain Code (26 Pa.C.S. §305(b)).



Claim No.	Parcel No.	Name	Address
5500842000	17	Unknown	Unknown

The power or right of the Secretary of Transportation of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to appropriate the property condemned, the procedure followed by the Secretary of Transportation or the Declaration of Taking may be challenged by filing preliminary objections within thirty (30) days of the date of this notice.

FURTHERMORE, NOTICE IS GIVEN THAT the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Transportation, pursuant to Section 522 of the Eminent Domain Code (26 Pa.C.S. §522), will, at the end of the above-referenced thirty (30) day time period within which to file preliminary objections to the Declaration of Taking, present a petition to the Court of Common Pleas of the above county to deposit into court the just compensation estimated by the Commonwealth to be due all parties in interest for damages sustained as the result of the condemnation of the property herein involved.

The petition to deposit estimated just compensation may not be presented to the court if the owner(s) of the property herein involved inform the District Right-of-Way Administrator of the District noted below of their existence and/or whereabouts prior to the expiration of the noted period. After estimated just compensation has been deposited into court, the said monies may be withdrawn by the persons entitled thereto only upon petition to the court. If no petition is presented within a period of six years of the date of payment into court, the court shall order the fund or any balance remaining to be paid to the Commonwealth without escheat.

Cindy Witherow  
District Right-of-Way Administrator  
Engineering District 9-0  
Pennsylvania Department of Transportation

**JOB OPENING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
WESTMORELAND COUNTY LAWYERS ABSTRACT  
COMPANY, INC. GREENSBURG, PA**

The Board of Directors of Lawyers Abstract Company is seeking applications from attorneys interested in the position of Executive Director of the Company upon the retirement of its Executive Director, Phil Shelapinsky, at or near the end of 2024. Requirements include experience in real estate law, title searches, closings, deeds, and office management. Interested parties may send their resume and/or a letter of interest outlining their experience to:

**Attn: Philip N. Shelapinsky, Executive Director  
Lawyers Abstract Company  
35 West Otterman Street  
Greensburg, PA 15601  
Email: [pnshelapinsky@lacwest.com](mailto:pnshelapinsky@lacwest.com)**